SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the TITLE as follows:

Flexibly Suspended Gas Distribution Plate Manifold for Plasma Chamber

Page 2, lines 15–18, delete the entire paragraph.

Page 2, lines 19–21, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the flexible side wall has The invention is a method of suspending a gas distribution plate from a plurality of side wall segments separated by small gaps.

One aspect of the invention and the manifold includes positioning a novel sealing flange cover that minimizes gas leakage through the gaps while permitting movement of the flexible side wall segments. In another aspect of the invention, each of two adjacent side wall segments has a side portion in which a bend is formed so that the side portions of the two adjacent side wall segments are coplanar.

Page 2, lines 22–27, delete the entire paragraph.